

## A spectacular Royal Night at Bushiribana



BUSHIRIBANA -- The innovative idea of deploying the ruins at Bushiribana as the backdrop for a diverse program showcasing island talent during the visit of HM King William Alexander and his wife, HM Queen Maxima, proved to be nothing short of brilliant.

On Wednesday evening, November 20, the amphitheater created around the north coast site easily accommodated the several thousand spectators attending the free event. The ruins, looming in the background and illuminated by a light show, as well

as the fresh breezes off the sea, provided a decidedly distinct ambiance. Organizers wished for the royal couple to end their first tour of the Dutch Caribbean Territories as king and queen with a flourish, and all present for the event would have to concede they realized their vision beautifully.

The stadium filled up quickly, and music was provided from 6:00 PM until show time by popular local DJ Nutz Beatz. MC's for the evening were noted Aruban humorist Vale Croes, award-winning poet and writer Os-

valdo Correa and Dutch TV personality Jörgen Raymann.

The king and queen arrived at 8:00 PM to cheering crowds and the formal program began. The opening Yoga Dance of Rachel Brahten segued into a dance number choreographed by Alydia Wever weaving elements of traditional folkloric dance with modern interpretation.

A parade of singers performing solo and duet also transitioned from Aruba's more classic waltzes to contemporary pop sounds, including hip-hop and rap by Aruban born recording artist Pete Philly. Opening the show were Shannon Bueno and Zaina Falconi, followed by Hilyann Croes and Mansy Fillasmil, then Frangina Kelly and Maxine Kaan performing in duet. Star vocalist Luigi Cortez belted out the Padu Lampe classic "A Bo So," then Michelangelo Koolman brought the Latin sound to the stadium. After that, Jersey Sophia provided a taste of Reggae and Osvali van Romondt-Lopez sang a soulful Latin love song.

Truly the show-stopper of the evening was a ballad of familial affection, which was a huge worldwide hit, "Father and Friend," sung by the original recording artist and composer, Alain Clark and his Aruban father, Dane, who had settled in Holland to become a well-known performer.

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After this venture to popular music, the program returned to the quintessential Aruban sound of classic carnival songs from Robert Jeandor

and Teddy Phillips, who had even the king and queen hopping in their seats to the lively "Music is the Language."

The stadium was still filling up as a final fantastic fireworks display by Herodini International lit up the sky to finish the program. This con-

genial evening ended a very full day of events for the monarchs and Aruban community as they welcomed, for

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By Rosalie Klein

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There are now concrete plans to organize a Telethon and Radiothon collectively. This is planned for **December 1st, 2013**. This is to take place on the Linear Park. They will begin selling food as of mid-day up to 6 p.m. in the afternoon. Several musical bands will provide the musical entertainment.

Philippine singers, a dance group, Aguinaldo/Gaita, DJ's, radio and TV celebrities and our authorities are all expected to be there. We may

also have T-Shirts on sale with the emblem "Aruba Helps The Philippines."

We want to express our gratitude to all those who have already helped financially or have pledged their support. A press conference will be held as soon as all the preparations are in place. Soon the promotion will begin in our local newspapers, radio and television.

We also intend to have a church service with the 5 Philippine Pastors on the is-

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very special avian swimming through it, "Shoco Prins" the official mascot of the 2013 Royal Visit. Together they welcomed them to this unique "Royal Jump Up."

The royal couple was escorted to the center of the stadium to be officially greeted by Monique van Embden, Director of IBISA, Aruba's official health and sports association, and Director of the Department of Education, Anne Marie Proveyer.

Thousands of children preformed a rousing, coordinated dance to the popular carnival tune "Pan di Dios," providing an exhilarating start the to day and eliciting enthusiastic applause from their majesties.

A full day of athletic events commenced by the king and queen tossing giant beach balls into the air. Following this, they were escorted to the stadium offices where a team from IBISA, the Health Bus and a chef from a local nutrition project explained Aruba's long term-plan for battling childhood obesity.

It was a pleasure for all involved to witness the delight of HM King Willem-Alexander and HM Queen Maxima on experiencing the irrepressible energy of island children during this final leg of their tour.

By Rosalie Klein



ORANJESTAD -- An impressive greeting awaited HM King Willem-Alexander and HM Queen Beatrix as they entered the Guillermo Trinidad Stadium yesterday morning. A sea of blue t-shirts worn by thousands of Aruban elementary school students was punctuated by a



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## Fed nominee Yellen passes key Senate hurdle



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Janet Yellen passed a key hurdle Thursday on her way to take the helm of the US Federal Reserve when she earned the endorsement of the Senate Banking Committee.

President Barack Obama's pick to replace Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke now needs approval of the Senate, a near-certainty especially after a deeply controversial rules change on vetting White House nominees by Democrats.

The rules change removes the opportunity for Republicans to block nominations if they cannot garner the support of at least 60 of the 100 senators. Now a simple majority will suffice, making it unnecessary for Yellen to get the backing of at least five Republicans.

Three Republicans joined 11 Democrats in the banking committee's 14-8 vote for

Yellen, who breezed through a confirmation hearing with the panel last week.

Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren, a key financial institution watchdog in Congress, hailed Yellen as an "extraordinarily qualified woman" for the post and expressed surprise that eight on the committee had voted against her.

"Janet Yellen has impeccable credentials, and I'm very pleased she was voted out of committee with bipartisan backing," said Warren.

If approved, Yellen, currently the Fed's vice chair, would become the first woman to lead the world's most powerful central bank.

At 67, she has built a strong reputation as an academic economist, teaching at the University of California at Berkeley, and as a veteran policymaker at the central bank.

Married to economics Nobel

Prize winner George Akerlof, she has a long-term interest in the impact of joblessness on the economy, and has helped keep Fed policy focused on bringing down the unemployment rate.

She has also been closely identified with the Fed's opening up of its once-mysterious policy thinking, with the central bank communicating what it sees in the economy and the expected direction of monetary policy far more openly than 10 years ago.

In that she has been closely allied to Bernanke, who is stepping down after eight years as Fed chairman, during which he played a crucial role in rescuing the economy from the financial crisis of 2008.

In the confirmation hearing last week, she made clear she would not break from the stimulus policies put in place by Bernanke to get the US economy into higher gear in the wake of the 2008-2009 recession.

But a number of Republican senators raised questions about the risks of the Fed's ultra-low interest rate and the multi-trillion dollar pile of assets it has piled up as a result of its ongoing quantitative easing stimulus program.

Michael Crapo, the committee's top Republican, said he voted against Yellen because of her support for the stimulus, now purchasing assets at a pace of \$85 billion a month.

"The long-term costs of these policies are unclear and worrisome," he said.

A full Senate vote on her nomination was expected to be scheduled for early December, and with Democrats holding a majority in the body, approval appeared certain.

However, it was not yet clear how furious Republicans would react to the rules change decided Thursday after Yellen's nomination clearly the banking committee.

Prior to the rules change, at least five Republicans had said they would vote for Yellen.

## Jury awards Apple \$290 mn in Samsung patent case



SAN JOSE (AFP) - A US federal jury Thursday ordered Samsung to pay \$290 million in damages to Apple in a partial retrial of the blockbuster patent case involving the two smartphone giants.

The award comes instead of \$450 million in damages originally awarded in the landmark suit, but thrown out by a judge. It is in addition to nearly \$600 million in patent infringement damages upheld from the trial last year.

## White House press blasts Obama administration on access

WASHINGTON, November 21, 2013 (AFP) - Reporters and photographers Thursday accused the White House of deliberately blocking their access to President Barack Obama and of substituting its own "visual press releases" for independent news coverage.

In a letter to White House spokesman Jay Carney, the White House Correspondents Association (WHCA) and other news organizations said the practice belied the administration's claims to a new level of transparency.

The letter registered alarm that the White House bans coverage of Obama at certain events, deeming them private, but later releases photographs and videos from its own in-house news and public relations operation.

"Journalists are routinely being denied the right to photograph or videotape the President while he is performing his official duties," the letter said.

"As surely as if they were placing a hand over a journalist's camera lens, officials in this administration are blocking the public from having an independent view of important functions of the Executive Branch of government."

"You are, in effect, replacing independent photojournalism with visual press releases," the letter told Carney, calling the practice a "troubling break from tradition."

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## French shooting suspect left conspiracy letters

PARIS (AFP) - France said the suspect arrested over this week's shootings in Paris was previously jailed for his role in a "Bonnie-and-Clyde" style multiple murder and left rambling letters denouncing conspiracies and media manipulation.

Abdelhakim Dekhar, 48, was arrested on Wednesday after a major manhunt following a shooting at the left-wing newspaper Liberation that left an assistant photographer seriously hurt, and another at the headquarters of the Societe Generale bank.

His DNA matched samples from the scenes of the attacks, officials said.

Dekhar worked in a restaurant in the British capital, Molins said. He came to France in July with the intention of staying here a month but never returned to London.

The undated letters found by investigators after his attacks are incoherent and attempt to explain his actions, investigators said.

They denounce capitalism and speak of "a plot aimed at the return of fascism in the media, in banks, in the policy on suburbs," Molins said.

Dekhar also accused journalists "of being paid to feed lies to citizens" and decried what he saw as the "dehumanisation" of people living in the suburbs. Molins said the letters merit "being shown to a psychiatrist."

One letter mentioned Libya, Syria and the situation in the Arab world, news channel BFMTV said.

Dekhar was arrested Wednesday evening in a vehicle in an underground parking lot in the northwestern Paris suburb of Bois-Colombes, after apparently trying to commit suicide. He was in a semi-conscious state.

The shooter opened fire with a 12-gauge shotgun at the offices of Liberation early on Monday, hitting a 23-year-old photographer's assistant as he hauled gear in the lobby, then firing another blast that hit the roof before leaving within seconds.

Police say the shooter was the same man who last Friday stormed into the Paris headquarters of a 24-hour TV news channel, BFMTV, briefly threatening staff with a gun before hurrying out.



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## Venezuela accuses US of interference in its affairs

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela accused the United States of "interference" in its internal affairs after Washington expressed concern that President Nicolas Maduro had been granted powers to rule by decree.

In a statement, the Foreign Ministry declared its "most profound, categorical and energetic rejection" of Wednesday's comments by State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki.

"These statements are a new demonstration of the interfe-

rence by the authorities of the United States in the internal affairs of our country and constitute an act that shows how the Venezuelan opposition executes, shamelessly, the agenda set down by the State Department to destabilize our homeland," it said.

The National Assembly on Tuesday passed enabling legislation that gives Maduro broad powers to wage an "economic war," combat corruption and promote "economic order in transi-

tion to socialism."

The foreign ministry said the Venezuelan constitution allows for the president to be granted special powers to pass laws by decree.

Acknowledging as much on Wednesday, Psaki said "that doesn't make it okay."

"We feel... it's essentially important for the people to have a voice in any country, in any decision-making process," she told reporters. "And that's why the separation of powers is so important."

This would be the fifth time in 14 years since Maduro's predecessor Hugo Chavez came to power that the president has been given decree powers.

They have been used at one time or another by every Venezuelan president in the past 40 years.

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ORANJESTAD -- Post Aruba as official agent of Western Union and the Western Union Company has a multi-faceted response program that will provide support for disaster relief efforts that target the families and communities most affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

The Western Union Foundation is making a grant of US\$100,000 to Save the Children to support the organization's immediate response activities in the Philippines, which include providing emergency materials, meals and water to disaster victims.

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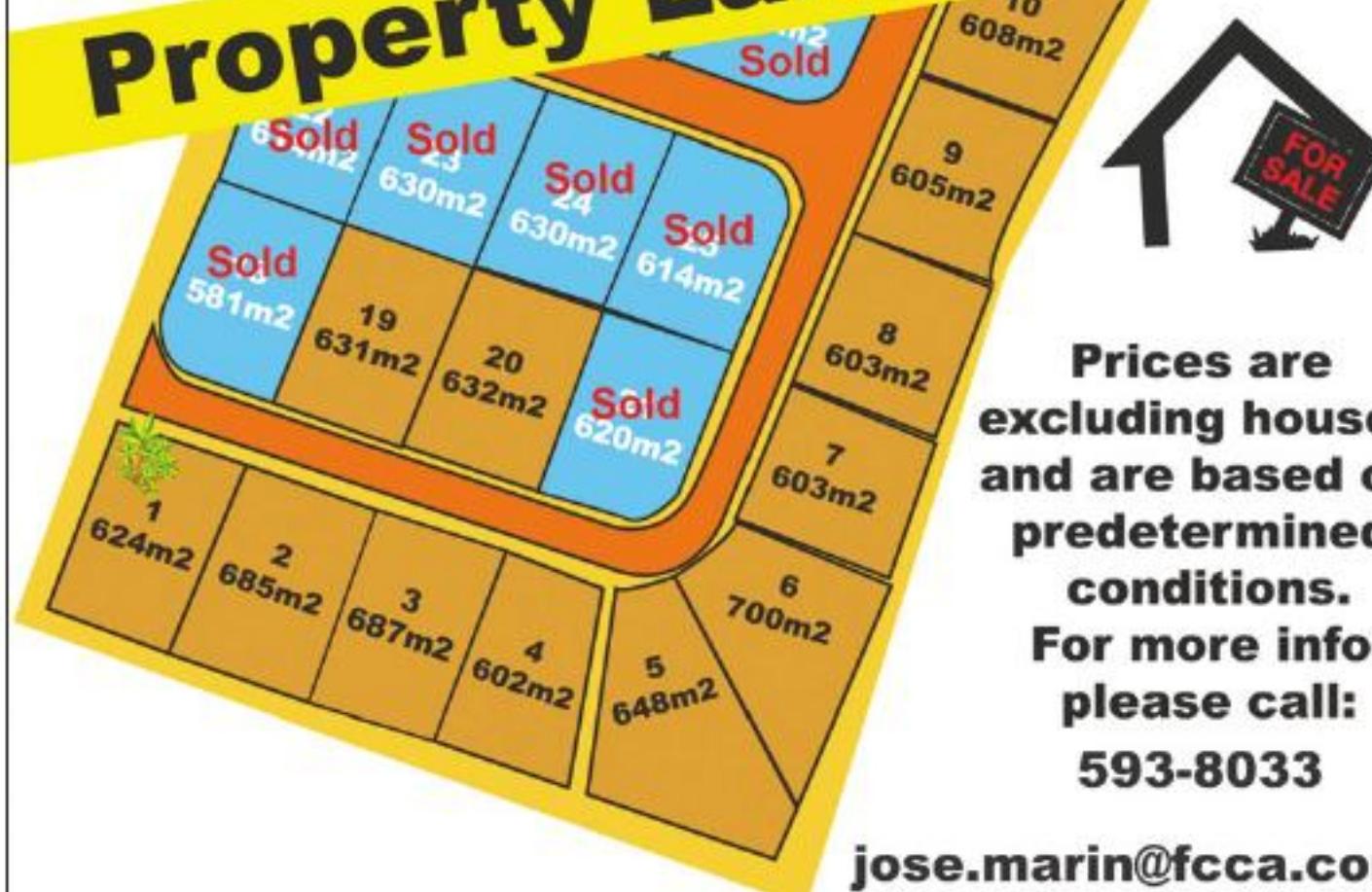


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RIYADH (AFP) - Saudi religious police arrested two young men offering a "free hug" to passers-by in the ultra-conservative Muslim kingdom's capital, local media reported. The arrests were made in the main Tahlia Street where the two men were waving banners marked "Free Hug" in English, according to news website Sabq.org. Free Hugs Campaign is a movement for individuals to offer hugs to strangers in public places, especially in big cities, "to brighten up their lives". The initiative prompted surprise and controversy in Saudi society. "It's a free hug, not a free drug for God's sake!" wrote one Tweeter in support of the campaign. However, another user slammed the move. "Today it's one hug, tomorrow it's a free kiss, and the next day it'll be free sex!" The religious police, or Commission for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, is charged with ensuring compliance with the kingdom's strict interpretation of Islamic morality.

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## Cost from disasters quadrupled in 30 years: World Bank

WARSAW (AFP) - The bill from natural and weather disasters is nearly \$200 billion (150 billion euros) a year, four times higher than in the 1980s, the World Bank said.

"As the global climate continues to change, the costs and damages from more extreme weather related to a warming planet are growing," it reported on the sidelines of UN climate talks in Warsaw.

Disasters cost nearly \$4 trillion (2.96 trillion euros) over the last 30 years, about two-

thirds of which was due to extreme storms, floods and drought, and killed more than 2.5 million people, it said in a cost analysis.

World Bank president Jim Yong Kim said that Typhoon Haiyan, the most powerful typhoon ever to hit the Philippines, had "brought into sharp focus how climate change is intensifying the severity of extreme weather events."

He said in the report: "Such tragic events show that the world can no longer afford to

put off action to slow greenhouse emissions, and help countries prepare for a world of greater climate and disaster risks."

The document included estimates of the cost from lives and jobs lost as well as damage to property and infrastructure.

In the 1980s, it said, the annual cost was about \$50 billion, quadrupling to \$200 billion per year in the last decade.

"Weather-related economic

impacts are especially high in fast-growing, middle-income countries due to increasingly exposed, valuable assets," said the report.

Hurricane Tomas wiped out the equivalent of 43 percent of the GDP of St Lucia in 2010.

The 2008-11 drought in the Horn of Africa, which at its peak saw 13.3 million people without enough food, caused estimated losses of \$12.1 billion in Kenya alone.

The World Bank said more

must be done to help vulnerable countries adapt to climate change and prepare for weather disasters.

While no single weather event can be blamed with certainty on climate change, scientists have long been warning of ever more extreme floods, heat-waves, cyclones and other effects of a warming planet.

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## **Rotterdam council spent €1m paying private debts to health insurer**

THE HAGUE - Rotterdam city council in 2011 paid almost €1m to health insurance company Zilveren Kruis to buy off the debts of around 1,000 social security benefit claimants.

The AD broke the story on Thursday morning, and it was later confirmed by a city council alderman. In total, 2,500 people had their debts paid.

The council executive says it made the payments to prevent the people getting into further financial difficulty. According to the AD, the full council was not informed about the deal to head off negative reactions.

The debts were paid of people who were on the verge of ending up on the official debt register, which would have made their financial problems worse.

In total, €7m was owed to the health insurance company. Of that, almost €1m was paid by the council and a smaller sum by the health insurers' association CVZ. Health insurance premiums include a sum to cover unpaid debts, a Zilveren Kruis spokesman told the paper.

It is unclear how much of the money has since been recovered from the benefit claimants or if they were paid extra healthcare benefits at the time. Zilveren Kruis says some 7,000 people in Rotterdam are currently in arrears with their premiums.

### **Dow closes above 16,000 for the first time**

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above the key threshold of 16,000 for the first time Thursday, extending a rally that has seen the gauge add over 22 percent this year.

At the closing bell, the Dow rose 108.91 (0.68 percent) to 16,009.73. The broad-based S&P 500 jumped 14.53 (0.82 percent) to 1,795.90, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index added 47.88 (1.22 percent) at 3,969.15.



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## **Watchdog clears Dutch mobile phone firms of price-fixing**

THE HAGUE - The Dutch consumers' authority ACM has cleared the main Dutch mobile phone operators of cartel-forming and price-fixing after a two year investigation.

However, the ACM did warn phone firms that 'public statements about future market behaviour could carry antitrust risks'. These include statements

made in public about planned price increases or changes in conditions which have not been finally agreed, the organisation said.

'If competitors took note and followed such publicly-made statements, it could lead to collusive behaviour, which is harmful to consumers,' the ACM said.

The three major mobile

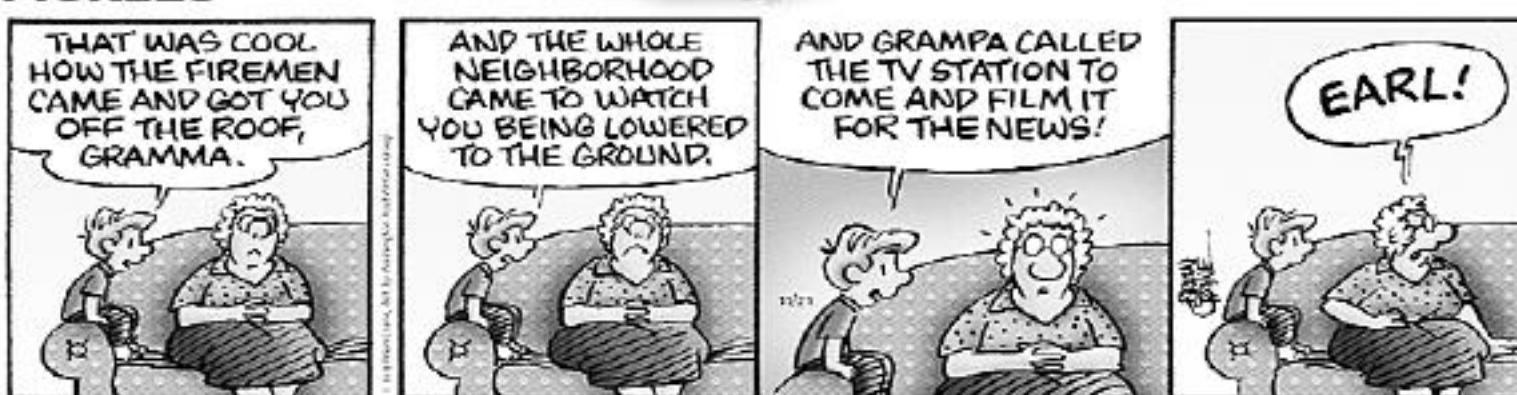
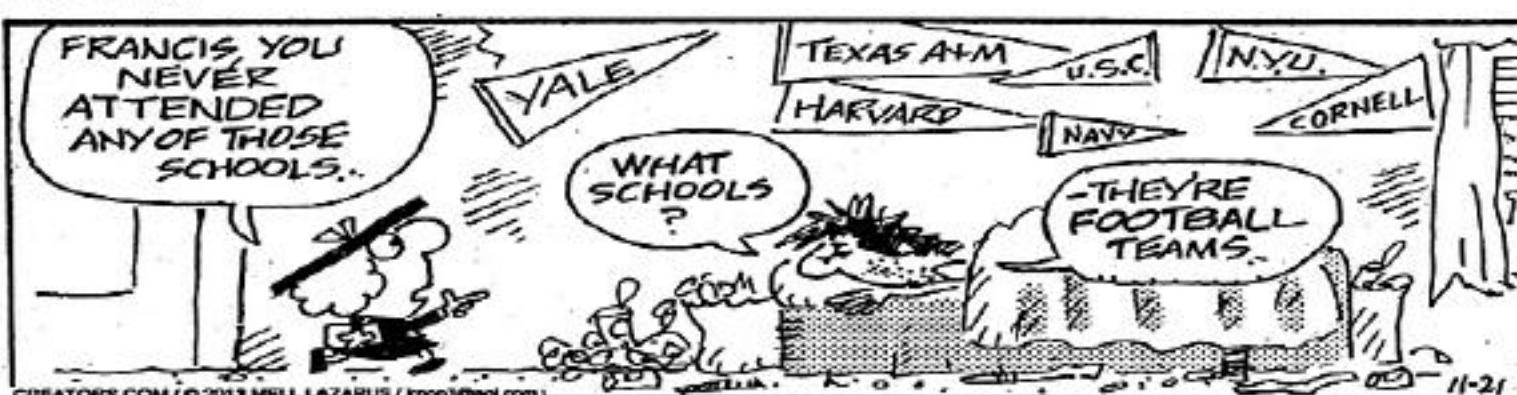
providers in the Netherlands - KPN, T-Mobile and Vodafone - have all agreed to comply with this.

The investigation followed allegations made by two whistleblowers in late 2011 and concerns about the way all three companies introduced more expensive subscriptions for smart phone users within a short space of time.

### **Crossword Answer**



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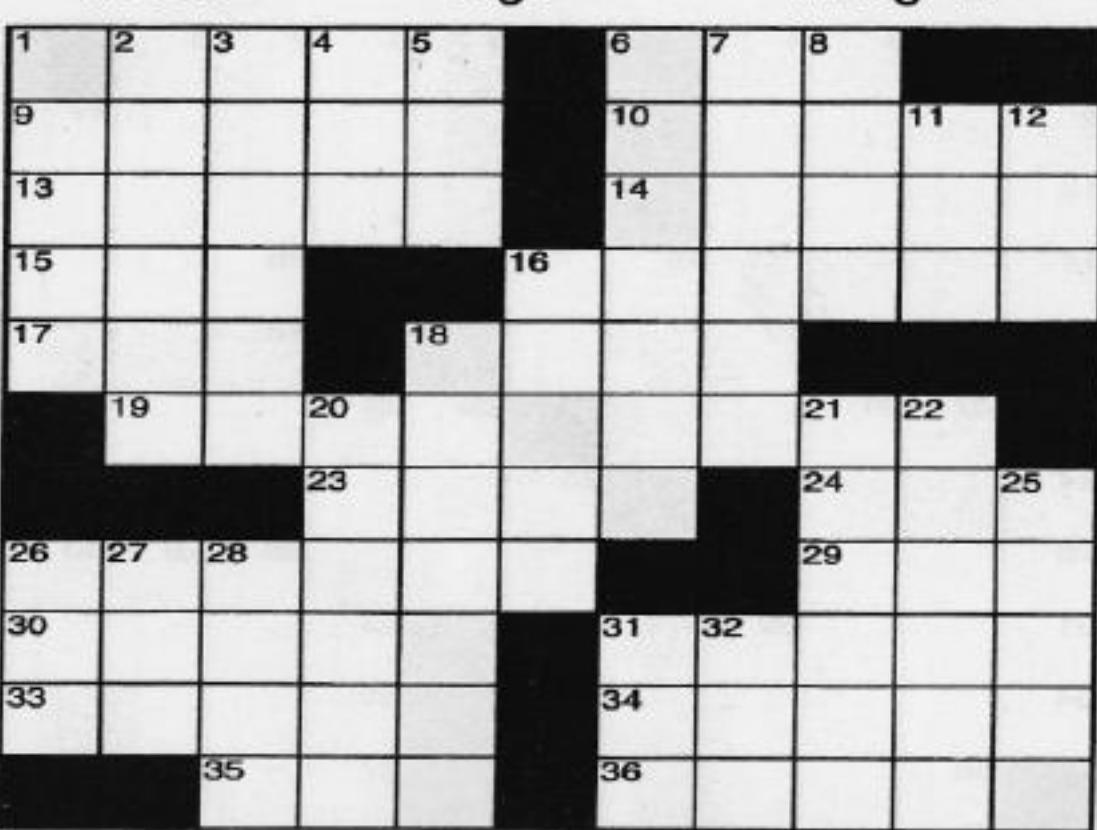
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- 6 Not running
- 9 Crook's excuse
- 10 Town's announcer
- 13 Monster lizards?
- 14 Piano adjuster
- 15 Cain's mother
- 16 Tavern orders
- 17 Willis's "Hard"
- 18 Forum garb
- 19 Naval Academy site
- 23 Prayer end
- 24 In no way
- 26 "Tiptoe Through the \_\_\_"
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**31 Flora's partner**
**33 Enthusiastic**
**34 Outdoors**
**35 Product placements**
**36 Malt drinks**
**DOWN**
**1 Summoned publicly**
**2 \_\_\_ de Havilland**
**3 Actress Brennan**
**4 Deg. in**
**business**
**5 Bro's sibling**
**6 Eight-sided figure**
**7 Thrifty**
**8 Library charge**
**11 Poet's "always"**
**12 Monopoly's four (abbr.)**
**16 Easy gaits**
**18 Meddles (with)**
**20 Hammered down**
**21 Persuade**
**22 \_\_\_ or later**
**25 River ducks**
**26 Light bulb inventor's monogram**
**27 \_\_\_ creek (2 wds.)**
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**31 Second mo.**
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
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In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

## 5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



**Delicious Breakfast**

-- A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and

sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, or All-you-can-eat pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

**5 Burgers** is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality, it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facil-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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## Football: Bale enjoying Madrid life after slow start

MADRID (AFP) - Gareth Bale has said he is relishing life at Real Madrid now that he is clear of the niggling injuries that blighted his start to life in the Spanish capital.

Bale, who cost Real a reported 91 million euros (\$123 million, £76 million) back in September, spent nearly a

month on the sidelines due to a thigh problem.

However, he has made a blistering return to form in the past month with three goals and five assists in his last four games.

"It has been great ever since I have been here, everyone has made me feel very welcome."

he said at a sponsor's event on Thursday.

The triumvirate of Bale, Karim Benzema and Cristiano Ronaldo have combined for 16 goals and 11 assists in Madrid's last four outings.

Whilst Carlo Ancelotti's men have hit top form, title rivals Barcelona have been

struck by a series of injuries to key players, including World Player of the Year Lionel Messi, who won't play again this year.

And with Real's place in the last 16 of the Champions League all but secured, Bale is hoping they can eat into Barca's six-point gap over their title rivals in the coming weeks.

Madrid suffered a serious injury of their own over the international break, however, with the news that Sami Khedira looks set to miss the rest of the season with a cruciate ligament injury.

Ancelotti has admitted that Khedira's absence could force him to switch from the 4-3-3 system he had struck upon since Bale's return.

And whilst he admitted the absence of his midfield partner is a big blow, Xabi Alonso is sure the German will bounce back.

"With the news about Khedira we were left in a state of shock," the Spanish international said.

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FIFA WORLD CUP BRAZIL

PARIS (AFP) - The 32 teams who will play at the 2014 World Cup after Uruguay filled the final qualifying berth on Tuesday. Draw for the tournament is on December 6. The 2014 FIFA World Cup will be the 20th FIFA World Cup, an international men's football tournament, that is scheduled to take place in Brazil from 12 June to 13 July 2014.<sup>[2]</sup> It will be the second time that Brazil has hosted the competition, the previous being in 1950. Brazil will become the fifth country to have hosted the World Cup twice, after Mexico, Italy, France, and Germany. Thirty-two countries' teams will take part in the finals tournament, playing in 12 cities throughout Brazil. It is scheduled to be the first World Cup to be held in South America since the 1978 World Cup in Argentina, the first time two consecutive World Cups are staged outside Europe, and the first time two consecutive World Cups are staged in the Southern Hemisphere, since the 2010 World Cup was held in South Africa. It will also be the first World Cup to use goal-line technology. Spain is the defending champion, having defeated the Netherlands 1-0 in the 2010 World Cup final.

## Golf: Gal leads LPGA Title-holders

NAPLES (AFP) - Sandra Gal got off to a sizzling start en route to an eight-under-par 64 on Thursday to take a one-shot lead after the first round of the LPGA Titleholders.

Germany's Gal teed off on the 10th hole at Tiburon Golf Club and reeled off six straight birdies to open her round.

After her lone bogey of the day on the par-three fifth, she bounced back with birdies at six, eight and nine to take a one-stroke lead over Canada's Rebecca Lee-Bentham.

Lee-Bentham also teed off on 10, opening with back-to-back birdies. She added two more birdies at 13 and 14 and another brace at 17 and 18 before her only bogey of the day at the second.

She made two more birdies coming home, including a closing birdie at the par-four ninth that gave her sole possession of second place ahead of Sweden's Anna Nordqvist, China's Feng Shanshan and US teenager Lexi Thompson.

Feng holed out for eagle at her last hole, the ninth, to grab her share of third on 66.

American Sandra Changkija was alone in sixth place after a 67, while world number one Park In-Bee headed a group of six players sharing seventh on four-under 68.

New Zealand's 16-year-old Lydia Ko, who is making her professional debut at this final event of the 2013 season, carded a one-under-par 71 that put her tied for 30th in a group that also included defending champion Choi Na-Yeon of South Korea.



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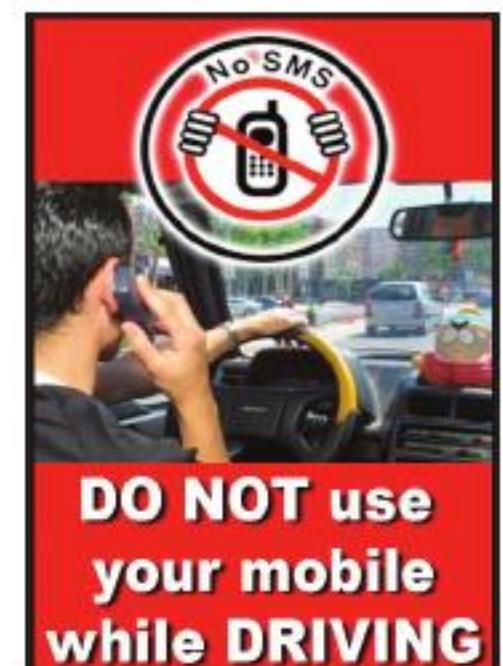
their IPA project. Last but not least they wish to thank all their members for their support and confidence.

The board is now concentrating on other matters on their agenda, to mention a few:

1. Payment of a debt to the Tax Bureau
2. Restoration of the Clubhouse
3. The "looppad" (walk way) around the field, which is a hindrance to their field and games

On Mondays the team plays their consecutive games and invites all fans, members and general public to come out and support their games which begins at 8:00 in the evening. Their schedule is as follows: Monday 25th of November in

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## **Football: Messi lauds Ronaldo's goal-scoring power**

MADRID (AFP) - Barcelona superstar Lionel Messi praised archrival Cristiano Ronaldo's goal-scoring prowess in an interview published Thursday as speculation mounted that the Portuguese international could be picked as World Player of the Year.

A day after picking up a Golden Boot award for scoring 46 league goals last season, more than any other player in Europe, the 26-year-old Messi paid respect to his Real Madrid rival.

"I don't know if Cristiano Ronaldo is at his peak but he is always there scoring goals in all the games and taking part in his club and national side," Messi told Spanish sports daily Marca and other European sports journalists.

The 28-year-old Ronaldo is emerging as the favourite to pick up this year's Ballon d'Or for the world's best player over four-time winner Messi.

Ronaldo scored a hat-trick on Tuesday as Portugal beat Sweden to qualify for their fourth straight World Cup finals and he tops the Spanish league scoreboard so far this season with 16 goals in 13 matches.

Messi has 11 goals from eight games in the league this season but has been sidelined for up to eight weeks with a muscle tear in his left hamstring muscle, his third leg injury this season.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, a Real Madrid fan, told public radio he would back Ronaldo for the Ballon d'Or award if he had a vote.

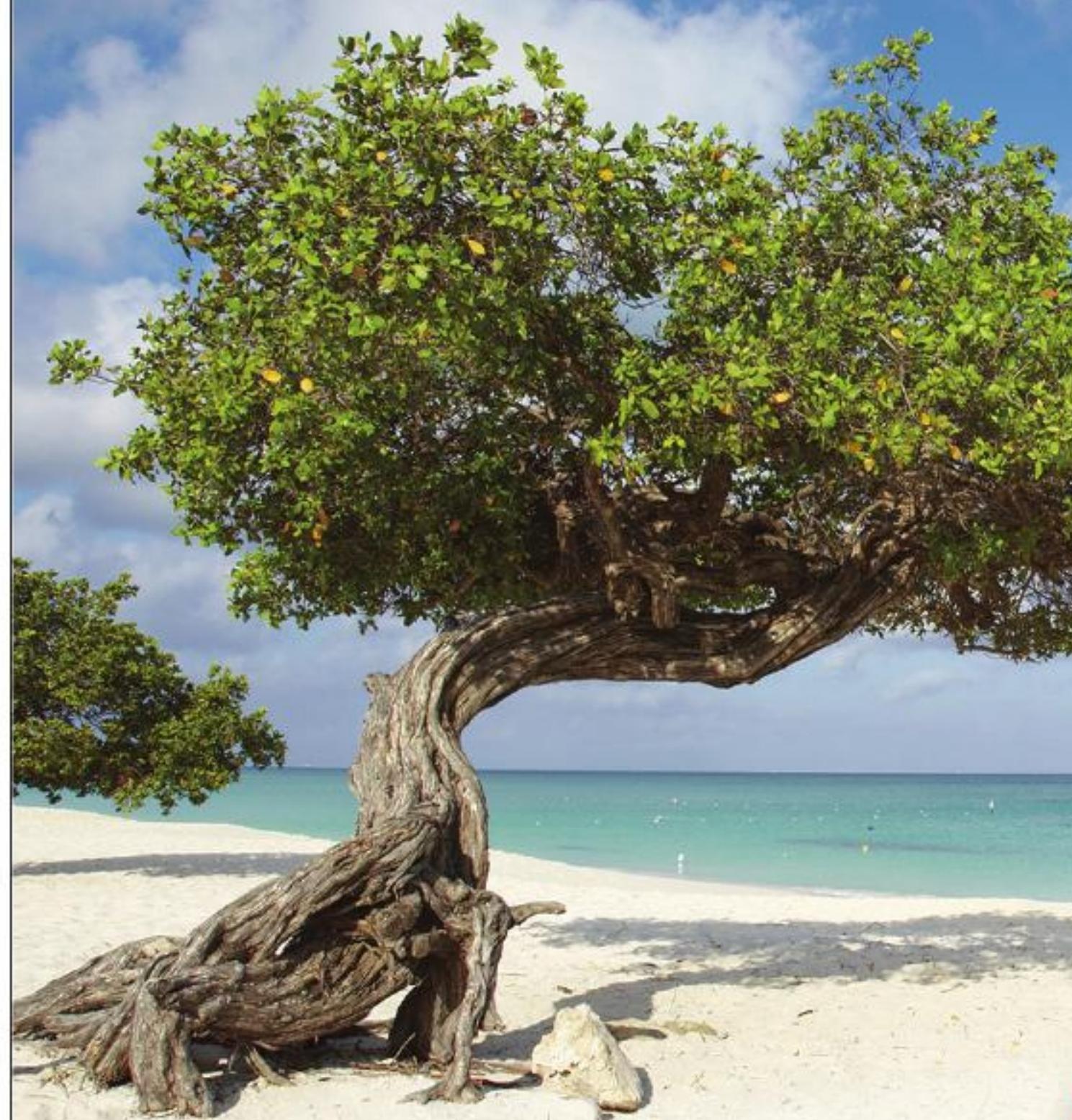
The Portuguese's chances seemed to rise even further when FIFA announced this week a two-week extension to the voting deadline until November 29, citing a weak turnout, and allowing participants to change ballots already cast.

Catalan sports newspapers, which traditionally back Barcelona, cried foul over the FIFA decision, which comes as Ronaldo hits top form and Messi is injured.

Messi brushed off comments in the media about the injuries he has picked up this season, following some criticism that he should have paced himself better.

The Argentine international said there was no chance of his leaving Barcelona despite suggestions that some clubs would be ready to write a blank cheque to sign him.

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## **Indy \$5 million road-course revamp completed**

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - A \$5 million renovation of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course ahead of next May's inaugural IndyCar Grand Prix of Indianapolis was completed Tuesday, series officials announced.

The new layout for the 2.439-mile course, used for the track's former Formula One event and Moto GP races, features more hard-braking and high speed zones to create more passing and competitive racing.

Sarah Fisher, an IndyCar

team owner who made nine Indianapolis 500 starts on the facility's famed 2.5-mile (4km) oval, helped to finish the project on a two-seat paving machine Tuesday.

She called it the slowest thing she has ridden at the speedway. With a top speed

of 25 feet per minute, her Indy car could complete 336 laps of the new track before the paver completed a single lap.

The new road course race will open the month of activities leading to next year's Indianapolis 500.